(1) Rs. 11.46 crores have been paid to the State Government for acquisition of 243 acres of land;

(2) Rs. 12.77 crores for modification of the existing terminal building;

(3) Rs. 30.00 crores for installation of modern state-of-the-art Radars; and

(4) Rs. 2.51 crores for extension of Apron.

(b) and. (c) Yes, Sir. Rs. 5.26 crores has been provided in the current financial year.

Expansion of air services in the country

166. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of air services in the country;

(b) if so, the programmes drawn up for the purpose for 1998-99;

(c) the new routes identified and the existing routes where additional flights are proposed to be introduced in the current financial year; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) Indian Airlines has already increased the capacity on the sectors Mumbai-Bangalore, Mumbai-Hyderabad and Delhi-Hyderabad w.e.f. 18.5.98 and on the sectors Calcutta-Chennai, Calcutta-Guwahati, Delhi-Leh, Delhi-Jammu-Srinagar, Srinagar-Leh, Mumbai-Ahmedabad, Chennai-Madurai and Delhi-Lucknow w.e.f. 26.10.98. Apart from these, new routes were also introluced on Mumbai-Raipur, Raipur-Bhubaneshwar, Ahmedabad-Pune, Calcutta-Pune and Mumbai-Jaisalmer sector w.e.f. 26.10.98.

Jet Airways and Sahara India Airlines have, however, proposed additional flights on the existing routes and new sectors to be introduced in the current financial year. The details are given in the enclosed statement.

JET AIRWAYS

statement.

With the proposed induction of tive more aircraft in their fleet, Jet Airways has proposed the following additional frequencies and new sectors to be added in the current financial year (1998-99) on their network.

Flight No.	Sector	Frequency
Induction of 19th Aircraft		
9W-373/9W-374	Second frequency on Mumbai-Jaipur-Mumbai sector	Daily
9W-473/9W-474	Third frequency on Mumbai-Goa-Mum-bai sector	Daily
9W-325/9W-326	Third frequency on Mumbai-Ahmedabad-Mumbai sector	Daily except Tuesday
Induction of 20th Aircraft		
9W-203	Third frequency on Mumbai-Calcutta sector	Daily
9W-617/9W-618	New sector Calcutta-Bagdogra-Calcutta	Thrice a week
9W-6159W-616	Second frequency on Calcutta-Guwahati-Calcutta sector	Thrice a week
9W-6159W-616	New sector Calcutta-Guwahati-Imphal-Guwahati-Calcutta	Twice a week

Flight No.	Sector	Frequency
9W-61WW-612	Calcutta-Guwahati-Calcutta sector	Now daily
9W-216	Third frequency on Calcutta-Mumbai sector	Daily
Induction of 21st/22nd Aircraft		
9W-333	Eighth frequency on Mumbai-Delhi sector	Daily
9W-723W-724	New sector Delhi-Varanasi-Khajuraho-Varanasi-Delhi	Daily
9W-82S9W-826	New sector Delhi-Hyderabad-Delhi	Daily
9W-334	Eighth frequency on Delhi-Mumbai sector	Daily
9W-3759W-376	New sector Mumbai-Lucknow-Mumbai	Daily
9W-455W-456	Third frequency on Mumbai-Hyderabad-Mumbai sector	Daily

SAHARA INDIA AIRLINES

Sahara India Airlines is in the process of finalising the induction of turbo-prop aircraft, which will be utilised for short haul sectors. Sahara India Airlines plan to introduce flights to Gorakhpur, Allahabad, Jaipur and Udaipur from Delhi in the current financial year (1998-99).

एअर इंडिया को वित्तीय सहायता

167.**श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र**: क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि**:**

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एअर इंडिया ने सरकार से वित्तीय सहायता मांगी हैं**;**

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि विनिवेश आयोग ने सरकार से एअर इंडिया को 1000 करोड़ रूपये की राशि प्रदान करने के लिये सिफारिश की हैं;और

(ग) यदि हां,तो इस दिशा में सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या किया गया हैं ?

नागर विमानन मंत्री(श्री अनंत कुमार): (क) और (ख) जी,हां।

(ग) एअर इंडिया सम्बन्धी विनिवेश आयोग पर रिपोर्ट सरकार के विचाराधीन हैं।

Extension of runway at Vijayawada Airport

168. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to take necessary steps for lengthening and strengthening the runway at Vijayawada Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present stage of the work in progress; and

(d) the likely date by which the work is to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has provided 79 acres ^f land for extension of runway from 6000' to 7500'. The State Government has also provided 50% of the estimated cost as interest free loan and the first instalment thereof was released in December, 1997.